(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report which appeared in the Times of India of 30th June, 1993 to the effect that Italian Government has advised its nationals, intending to visit India to avoid flying by Indian Airlines as it is unsafe;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NAM AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Italian Ministry of Tourism had circulated a message to their travel agents cautioning against hazards involved in travelling by domestic airlines in India.

(c) The matter has been taken up with the Italian Government asking them to withdraw the message circulated to the travel agents.

Hospital for Bhopal gas leak victims

*152. SHRI GAYA SINGH:

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court in its judgement on Bhopal gas leak victims, had ordered the Union Carbide Corporation and its Indian subsidiary, the Union Carbide India Limited to bear expenses of build ing, equipping and operating for manda tory eight years, a special hospital for the treatment of gas leak victims;

(b) whether it is a fact that even after the lapse of about two years of the order the hospital has not come up; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO); (a) to (c) In their judgement dated the 3rd October, 1991, the Supreme Court had hoped that Union Carbide Corporation (UCC) and Union Carbii India Limited (UCIL) would finance to construction of a 500 bed hospital Bhopal. It was expected that the UC and UCIL would also meet the financi outlay for operating the hospital for period of eight years. The Supren Court had estimated a total requireme of Rs. 50 crores for both these purpose

Government commissioned the Hospit Services Consultancy Corporation Lt (HSCCL) to undertake a feasibility stuc for setting up the hospital. The estim ted outlay for the hospital was four to be Rs, 98—106 crores. Funds hai not yet been placed at the disposal the Government by the companies. The Government is approaching the Supren Court for the purpose.

Recession in tyre industry

*153. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:
SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI;

Will the PRIME MINISTER be plea ed to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the dome tic tyre industry has been facing rece: sionary trends for the last five years o account of cut-back in vehicle productio in the country;

(b) if so, what is the production c tyres in the country durirag the last thre years, year-wise and vehicle-wise;

(c) whether production of various cate gories of tyres is sufficient to meet ind genous demand of various segments;

(d) whether Government propose t take steps to improve the current situa tion of tyre industry; if so, the detail thereof; and

(e) what are the reasons which pro mpted Government to allow original equip ment vehicle manufacturer to impor tyres at a concessional import duty o 50 per cent rates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THI MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPART MENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOP MENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE